

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, and 7-11 are currently pending in the present application, with Claims 3 and 6 being canceled, Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, and 7-9 being amended, and new claims 10-11 being added. Reconsideration and reexamination of the claims are respectfully requested.

The Examiner objected to the specification of the present application, including objections to the Abstract, the Title, as well as portions of the written description. Applicants have amended the specification and respectfully submit that amended specification complies with all formal requirements.

The Examiner rejected Claims 8 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicants have amended Claims 8 and 9 to further clarify the subject matter being claimed, and respectfully submit that amended Claims 8 and 9 are in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 101.

The Examiner rejected Claims 1-9 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, for failing to comply with the written description requirement. Additionally, the Examiner rejected Claims 1-9 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Applicants have amended the pending claims to better recite the claimed invention, and respectfully submit that the amended claims are in full compliance with 35 U.S.C. 112.

New claims 10 and 11 have been added to further claim aspects of the present invention, and are respectfully submitted as in condition for allowance.

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the

prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 393032039900. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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